

Congress has the responsibility for approving federal funding, but executive branch agencies and departments often decide where the money is spent. During my dozen years in Congress the Oregon delegation has been able to make significant progress on specific programs and projects from healthcare to education to infrastructure by working with local, public, and private sector leaders to secure federal funding.

Recently, much has been made of “earmarks” in the media and by concerned taxpayers – and rightly so. In the years since the flurry of appropriations scandals involving the likes of Jack Abramoff, Duke Cunningham and others now serving time in jail, many have questioned the validity and appropriateness of earmarks requested by Members of Congress.

To give the public more access and to hold their elected officials accountable, Democratic leadership has taken important steps to reform the appropriations process to make project requests transparent and more thoroughly scrutinized. In this Congress, as part of the reforms that were instituted when the Democrats took control, the appropriations process was revamped to both reduce the number of overall earmarks and eliminate potential for abuse. I'm pleased that there is greater transparency than ever before.

My office has worked hard to make sure that our community understands how the appropriations process works by conducting workshops for people and organizations in the community, developing standardized forms for requests, and coordinating with the Oregon congressional delegation to get the most impact for communities throughout our State.

As we do every year during the appropriations process, my staff and I have met with a wide variety of constituents and stakeholders to determine which proposals best represent innovative programs that leverage local funds, meet local needs, and provide models for other communities. These meetings formed the basis for my requests that are listed below, since I have found that knowledgeable Oregonians are the best source of information about which local projects are the best investments for our communities and our state.

Federal funding continues to be a critical source of revenue for worthy Oregon projects. I will continue to work to maximize federal investments in Oregon and ensure that the funding process is transparent and serves the needs of Oregon communities.



**Requester**

**Project    Name**

**Description**

**Amount**

Benchmade Knife Company

Rescue Hooks/ Strap Cutters

The Rescue Hook/Strap    Cutter is a critical piece of equipment for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan

\$1,000,000

USFIP  
City of Portland Metro Council

“Xploreregon”

Xploreregon is a summer service-learning corps for high school youth that will combine a summer ad

\$160,507

City of Gresham

Springwater Industrial Area Access

This project will improve the Springwater Industrial Area access to Highway 26, facilitating significant new economic deve

\$5,000,000

City of Gresham

Springwater/Johnson Creek Restoration

The funds would go to improving one of the last known streams in the Portland metropolitan area that

\$200,000

City of Milwaukie

Kellogg Bridge

The funds would go towards a new bridge which would improve north/south multi-modal connection

\$1,500,000

City of Portland

Family Justice Center

The Family Justice Center will provide domestic violence victims a safe place where they can gain

\$2,000,000

City of Portland

Emergency Center

Currently, key staff for Portland's emergency management team are located in a number of different

\$2,000,000

City of Portland

Portland Streetcar Loop

This funding would create a new streetcar loop that connects the existing streetcar line to the Lloyd

\$50,000,000

City of Portland

East Burnside/ Couch Couplet Project

Requested amount would create one-way couplet on East Burnside from NE Oregon to NE Oregon

\$2,000,000

City of Portland

The Tamarack: Affordable Housing for Veterans

The Tamarack is the first affordable housing project in the new South Waterfront area and it will be

\$2,000,000

City of Portland

Colston High Section 1135 Restoration Project

This funding finances the final phase of a joint project between the City of Portland and the Corps of

\$1,800,000

City of Portland

Greenstreets Implementation Program

This project would fund innovative street designs that mitigate the effects of storm water runoff thro

\$1,500,000

Clatsop County

Clatsop County Agency Methamphetamine Initiative

These funds would expand a nationally recognized methamphetamine prevention program by integ

\$695,000

Clatsop County

Revere, Oregon Area Sewer Connection Safety Net Project

Requested One of the largest providers of sewer service in the state, Revere, is in dire need of a high

\$500,000

Columbia River

Columbia River Deepening

This funding would substantially complete the deepening of the Columbia River navigation channel

\$36,000,000

Community    Solutions for Clackamas    County

Veterans    Outreach and Job Training Pilot Project

This    request seeks funding to expand Clackamas    County's Working for Independence job training

\$500,000

Environmental Security    Technology Certification Program, DOD

Demonstration of Advanced    Discrimination Technologies for UXO Cleanup

The Department of Defense    has a known liability due to Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) contamination

\$5,000,000

Film Action Oregon

Restoration of the Historic    Hollywood Theater

The funds would help restore and preserve the Hollywood Theater, a cultural landmark that provides a

\$500,000

Flightcom

Active Noise Reduction Helmets

These headsets are projected by the military to be necessary for active long range, Air National Guard and Reserve

\$2,500,000

Friends of the Children-National

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This organization is a revolutionary mentoring program that provides the most at-risk kids with paid

\$350,000

Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Columbia River  
Gorge Park

The funding would purchase 97 acres of available land with high conservation value from willing seller

\$1,950,000

Green Electronics Council

Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)

EPEAT is a tool that helps governments and companies select products that are safer for the environment and  
The funding would be used to advance existing products types for EPEAT expansion and

\$1,200,000

Legacy Health System

Emanuel Children's Hospital Pediatric Development & Rehabilitation

Emanuel has the only full-service pediatric diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitation program in Or

\$500,000

Lower Columbia River  
Estuary Partnership

Lower Columbia River  
Tax Reduction Project

The funding would be used to collect and monitor water, sediment, wildlife, and fish tissue in order to

\$3,200,000

Lower Columbia River  
Estuary Partnership

Lower Columbia River  
Ecosystem Restoration

These funds would support habitat restoration for 12 threatened and endangered salmon species and

\$1,700,000

Manufacturing 21 Coalition

Northwest Manufacturing Initiative

The Initiative Funding will be used to support integrated activities designed to support the Northwest

\$2,500,000

Mercy Corps

Mercy Corps' Action Centers to End World Hunger

The funding would support "Action Centers" interactive public spaces in Portland and New York City

\$1,500,000

Metro Parks Greenspaces Department

Bi-State Regional Trails Program

These funds would be used to construct trailhead facilities at Blue Lake Regional Park, build a bicy

\$3,330,000

Multnomah County

Elder Abuse Prosecution Project

This funding would create a position for a specially trained prosecutor within the Multnomah County

\$150,000

Multnomah County

Multnomah County Elder Keeper Project

Funding would support a project that identifies at-risk older adults and people with disabilities – a fa

\$90,000

Multnomah County

Bridge Hydro-Turbine Study

These funds would help Multnomah County study the feasibility of generating clean electricity via low-

\$150,000

Multnomah

Beaver Creek Culvert Replacement

This project would replace three culverts along Beaver Creek in east Multnomah County. By doing

\$306,000

Network for Oregon Affordable Housing

Regional Housing Choice Revolving Fund

The funds requested would be used for a low interest loan fund that will help non-profit and for-profit

\$500,000

Oregon Small Fruits Research

Small Fruits Initiative- Plant Improvement

The Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research is a research consortium between Oregon State

\$1,600,000

Oregon Biomedical Engineering Institute

Limb Tissue Regeneration after Battlefield Injuries

The majority of this project will initiate clinical trials in accordance with FDA guidelines to develop

\$4,000,000

Oregon Commission on Children and Families

Reconnecting Families Initiative

This initiative enables foster kids to connect or reconnect with their relatives, and to establish safe

\$418,210

Oregon    Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Colony Crossing River

The Interstate 5 Colony Crossing River Crossing Project will significantly improve safety and efficiency of the Interstate 5 corridor in the Oregon and Washington area.

\$3,000,000

Oregon    Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Colony Crossing River/ Pedestrian Access

This project will create access to the Columbia River Gorge—one of Oregon's most popular tourist destinations.

\$2,000,000

Oregon Health and Science    University

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The Oregon Center for Translational Genomics at OHSU will develop new, individualized avenues

\$1,875,000

Oregon Health and Science University- One Sky Center

One Sky National Resource Center for American Indian/ Alaska Native Substance Abuse

This funding would ensure the survival of the first and only American Indian/Alaska Native National

\$1,000,000

Oregon Iron Works, Inc

Low-Signature Modular Weapon Platform

This project funding includes the development and manufacture of a low-signature modular weapon platform

\$5,000,000

Oregon Military Department

Camp Withycombe/ Clackamas County Transportation Infrastructure

These funds would go towards the design and construction of a railroad overpass and road network

\$20,029,023

Oregon Military Department

Camp Withycombe

This funding would be used for infrastructure improvements at Camp Withycombe. The project w

\$17,635,609

Oregon Office of Science and Industry (OMSI)

Molecules on the Move: Teaching about Nanoscale Science across Oregon

These funds would support an OMSI initiative to provide nanotechnology education to regions of O

\$500,000

Oregon Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research

Oregon Electronic Health Records (HER) Improvement Project

Electronic health records have been shown to decrease health care costs, improve quality, reduce

\$5,500,000

Oregon Partnership

Preventing Childhood Drinking

This funding would allow this successful program to reach more pre-teens and teenagers through f

\$775,000

Oregon State University

Disease Reduction in Klamath River Salmon

The funds would be used for research and testing to reduce an ecologically and economically deva

\$1,500,000

Oregon State University

National Wave Energy Center

This request would establish a National Wave Energy Center at OSU to help develop renewab

\$5,000,000

Oregon State University

ONAMI Miniature Tactical Energy Systems Development

This project will support the development of miniaturized tactical energy systems, including power and

\$5,000,000

Oregon State University Agricultural Sciences

Northwest Multi-Commodity Marketing Special Research Grant

This project enhances Oregon's competitiveness and expands the economic value-added component

\$400,000

Oregon State University Agricultural Sciences

Organic Cropping Research for the Northwest

These funds would go towards research directed at problems facing organic agriculture and will enhance

\$800,000

Oregon State University Agricultural Sciences

Solutions to Environmental and Economic Problems (STEEP)

This research provides a base for an agricultural research and extension education partnership to a

\$1,000,000

Oregon State University Agricultural Sciences

Bioremediation of Munitions

This bioremediation project provides research where the special grasses are digested by a tank

\$500,000

Oregon State University Water and Watersheds, UO, PSU

Oregon Water Institute

This funding would support a partnership between Oregon State University, University of Oregon,

\$1,500,000

Oregon State University, UO

Oregon Translational Research and Drug Development Institute (OTRADI)

OTRADI develops and commercializes new therapeutics, vaccines, and diagnostics, with an initial

\$4,000,000

Port of Portland

Airport Way/ I-205 Northbound Access

Funding for this project would help reduce the increasing congestion from cars and trucks leaving P

\$2,000,000

Port of Portland

I-84/ A-257 Interchange

This request would fund the preliminary engineering of an improved bridge and interchange at 257th

\$2,000,000

Portland & Western Railroad

Colony Congestion and Safety Improvement Project

This funding would replace 11 miles of 90-pound worn jointed rail and switches on a key multi-modal

\$3,800,000

Portland Police Bureau

Portland IBIS to MDC Project

This funding would make is possible for every officer to have immediate access to fingerprint and c

\$1,000,000

Portland State University

College Station

These funds will support a new LEED rated facility for PSU which will house up to 600 students and

\$5,000,000

Portland State University

PSU Science Research and Teaching Center

These funds would support the development of a new Center for Science Research and Teaching to s

\$3,000,000

Portland State University

ONAMI Nanoelectronics and Nanometrology Initiative

This program will address the needs of the research community in the area of information processing and data management, including the processing of

\$5,000,000

Precision Castparts Corporation

Next Generation Casting Supplier Base Initiative

Requested funds would help meet the increasing demands of the Department of Defense for complex

\$7,500,000

Multiple Sclerosis Center

Multiple Sclerosis Network and Registry

This funding would be used to hire support staff and purchase technology to expand the registry of

\$800,000

Self Enhancement Inc.

Youth Development Initiative

This funding would support an organization dedicated to helping underserved youth realize their full

\$1,000,000

Silver Eagle Manufacturing

Oregon Civil Support Team Mobile Shelter Training Package

Funding would provide the Oregon National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team

\$600,000

SMART (Start Making a Reader Today)

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This request would help expand a cost-effective reading intervention program that provides a unique

\$900,000

Timberline Lodge

Timberline Lodge heating and water system redesign, and replacement

The funding would be used to redesign and replace the Lodge's outdated plumbing lines that threaten

\$200,000

Tri-Met

South Corridor I-205/Portland Mall Light Rail Project

This project would fund the 8.3 mile TriMet light rail extension from downtown Portland to the Clackamas

\$81,600,000

Tri-Met

40 TriMet Buses

This funding would allow Tri-Met to meet its bus replacement schedule with air-conditioned, low-floor

\$13,184,000

University of Oregon

ONAMI Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing

This project would develop nano-materials and nano-manufacturing methods that meet the military's needs

\$5,000,000

Western Rivers Conservancy

Sanity Acquisition

This request would purchase about 77 additional acres from willing sellers along the soon-to-be free

\$3,850,000